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BY

The Church-Wardens and Sworn-Men

IN THE

VISITATION

OF THE

Right Worshipful the ARCH-DEACON of

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The Tenor of the Oath of the Church-Wardens and Sworn-men.

YOU ſhall Swear, that you, and every of you, ſhall faithfully execute your ſeveral Offices of Church-Wardens and Side-men. *So help you God, and the Contents of his holy Goſpel.*

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TIT. I.

Concerning Churches, Chappels, with the Ornaments and Furniture thereunto belonging.

IS your Parish Church, or Chappel, in good and sufficient repair, both for the Roof, Windows, Floor, and Seats. *Can.* 85.

2. Hath any part of your Church, Chappel, or Steeple been demolished or pulled down? What part, and how long since? Or any of the Lead, Timber, or Bells, thereunto formerly belonging, any way imbezelled, or sold, and by whom?

3. Is there a decent Font of Stone, with a Cover? Doth the Minister baptize publickly in the Font? Is there a decent Communion-Table in your Chancel, with a decent Carpet, and another Covering of White Linnen, 82.

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to be ſpread thereon at the time of the Adminiſtration of the Lord's Supper? And have you a fair Chalice or Communion-Cup, with a Cover, and one or more Flagons? Have they been profaned by common uſe.

82. 4. Have you a convenient Seat or Pew wherein to
83. read Divine Service, a Pulpit, with a decent Cloth or
80. Cuſhion, a large Bible of the laſt Tranſlation, and a Book of Common-Prayer lately publiſhed, *Anno* 1662. the
Stat. 99. 58. 87. Book of Homilies ſet forth by Authority, and a Printed Table of the degrees wherein Marriages are prohibited, and a Book of Canons and Conſtitutions Eccleſiaſtical, and decent Surplice and Hood?
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5. Have you a Regiſter-Book in Parchment of Chriſtnings, Burials, and Mariages? And is the ſame kept in all points according to the Antient uſe?

70. 6. Have you a Book for the Church-wardens Accounts? As alſo a Cheſt with Locks and Keys, wherein to keep the ſaid Books, and the aforementioned Furniture?

TIT. II.

Concerning the Church-yard, the Houſes, Glebes, and Tythes belonging to the Church.

1. IS your Church-yard ſufficiently fenced, and decently kept? Hath any perſon encroached upon the ſame, or made any door in it? And how long ſince?

2. Is the Houſe of your Parſon, Vicar, or Curate, and the Out-houſes in good repair? Have any of them been defaced or pulled down without Licence? Have there

there been any encroachments made upon the same? or any of the Antient marks or bounds removed or changed? And by whom?

3. Have you a true and perfect Terrier of all the Glebe-lands, Gardens, Orchards, Tenements, or Cottages belonging to your Parsonage, or Vicarage? As also a Note of such Pensions, Rate-Tythes, and portions of Tythes, or other yearly Profits (either within or without your Parish) as belong thereunto? Have any of the same been with-held from your Minister? And by whom, as you know, or have heard? *C.* 87.

TIT. III.

Concerning Ministers.

1. DOTH your Parson, Vicar, Curate, or Lecturer, if you have any, perform his Office? *Can.* 48.

2. Doth your Minister at the Reading Divine Service, or administring the Sacraments, wear a Surplice and Hood? 58.

3. Doth he observe the Holydays and Fasting-days, the Ember-week, and the yearly Perambulation of Rogation-week, as is appointed by the Rubrick?

4. Doth your Minister constantly (not having a reasonable impediment) Preach one Sermon in your Church or Chappel every Sunday? Or if he be hindered, doth he procure one to supply his Office by Preaching, or Reading one of the Homilies. 45. 46. 47

5. Doth your Minister instruct the youth in your Parish in the Church Catechism, and prepare and present them to be confirmed by the Bishop. *Can.* 59. *Rubr. before Confirm.*

6. Doth he neglect or delay to Visit the Sick, or to Baptize 76.

69 Baptize any Infant that is in danger of Death? *Doth he Baptize any without Godfathers and Godmothers, or admit either of the Parents to be Godfather or Godmother to their own Children?*

75 8 Is your Parſon, Vicar, Curate, or Lecturer, a man of a ſober life and converſation? Or is his carriage in any kind diſorderly or ſcandalous, and unbeſeeming a Miniſter?

TIT. IV.

Concerning the Pariſhioners.

C. 109. 1. IS there any perſon in your Pariſh, that lieth under a common fame, or ſuſpicion of Adultery, Fornication, or Inceſt? Are there any common Drunkards within your Pariſh, or common Swearers, or Blaſphemers of God's Name, or any that are noted to be Railers, unclean or filthy Talkers, or ſowers of Sedition, Faction, and Diſcord amongſt their Neighbours?

2. Doth every Pariſhioner in your Church or Chappel as well during Divine Service, as Preaching the Word of God, demean themſelves reverently, *uncovering their Heads*, kneeling at Prayers, and at the Sacrament, ſtanding up when the Creed and Goſpel are read? *Rubr.*

3. Are there any married Women in your Pariſh, who after their Delivery from the peril of Child-birth, refuſe to make their publick Thankſgiving to God?

Rubr. 4. Are there any that refuſe to pay their duty for
Can. 85. *Eaſter* Offerings, or refuſe to contribute to the Rates made for repair of your Church or Chappel, or any thing thereunto belonging?

Rubr. b. 5. Did any by their laſt Wills or Teſtaments leave any Legacy

Legacy to your Church or Chappel, or to the uſe of Poor, or to any other Pious and Charitable purpoſes? Which have been miſpent or imbezelled, and by whom?

TIT. V.

Concerning Pariſh Clerks, and Sextons.

1. HAVE you belonging to your Church or Chappel a Pariſh-Clerk, aged twenty one years at the leaſt? Is he of honeſt life and converſation? And ſufficient or able to perform his duty in reading, writing, and ſinging? Is he choſen by your Miniſter, and doth he duly attend him in all Divine Services at the Church? Are his wages duly paid unto him? Or who withholdeth the ſame from him? *Can.* 91.

2. Doth your Sexton diligently do his duty in keeping the Church clean and decent, in tolling and ringing the Bells before Divine Service; and when any perſon is paſſing out of this life, doth he upon notice, toll a Bell, that the Neighbours may thereby be warned to recommend the dying perſon to the grace and favour of God?

TIT. VI.

Concerning School-Maſters, and Schools.

1. DOTH any man keep a publick or private School in your Pariſh, who is not allowed thereunto by his Ordinary? *Can.* 77. 79.

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TIT. VII.

Concerning Church-Wardens and Side-men.

1. ARE the Church-wardens of your Pariſh yearly and duly choſen by the joint conſent of your Miniſter and Pariſhioners? Or one of them by your Miniſter, and the other by the Pariſhioners.

2. Have the former and laſt Church-Wardens given up their Accounts to the Pariſh, and delivered up to the ſucceeding Church-Wardens the Moneys remaining in their hands, together with all other things belonging to your Church or Chappel?

3. You are further to underſtand, That according to your Office, you are to provide againſt every Communion appointed in your Church or Chappel; a ſufficient quantity of fine white Bread, and good Wine, according to the number of Communicants.

Rubr. at Commun.

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